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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for operating a Telephony over LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
 - providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
 - providing a ToL client window within said GUI;
 - manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and
 - locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode, while allowing full access to features within said ToL client window.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing said pointing device cursor from being moved to a location external to said ToL client window.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL client window.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of inputs which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, said preventing including setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other functions.

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6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, said preventing including maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

7. (Currently Amended) A Telephony over LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
means for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
means operably coupled to said GUI providing means for providing a ToL client window within said GUI; and

means for manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and
means for locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode, while allowing unrestricted access to features within said ToL client window

~~means for preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of said computer external to said ToL client window while allowing full access to functions of said ToL client window.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 7, ~~said preventing~~ means including means for monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing said pointing device cursor from being moved to a location external to said ToL client window.

9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 7, ~~said preventing~~ means including means for monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL client window.

10. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 7, ~~said preventing~~ means including means for monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of inputs which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

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11. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 7, ~~said preventing means~~ including means for setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other functions.

12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 7, ~~said preventing means~~ including means for maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

13. (Currently Amended) A Telephony over LAN (ToL) client terminal, comprising:

a microprocessor programmed to provide a ToL client window in a graphical user interface of said ToL client terminal;

a mouse controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and configured to receive signals from a cursor pointing device; and

a keyboard controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and configured to receive signals from a keyboard; wherein said microprocessor is programmed to monitor signals from said mouse controller and said keyboard controller and allow a user to manually place said ToL client window into a guest mode and lock a guest user into said ToL client window by allowing full unrestricted performance of functions related to ToL operations within [[a]] said ToL client window and not allow performance of other functions of said computer not related to ToL operations external said ToL client window.

14. (Original) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said microprocessor is programmed to prevent a cursor from being positioned external to said ToL client window.

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15. (Original) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said microprocessor is programmed to maximize said ToL client window and prevent an unauthorized user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

16. (Original) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said microprocessor is programmed to monitor a manipulation of a cursor and prevent said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL client window.

17. (Original) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said microprocessor is programmed to prevent processing of inputs from said keyboard which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

18. (Original) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said microprocessor is programmed to set a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other functions.

19. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim [[6]] 7, further comprising means for releasing said preventing means to allow full access to functions of said computer.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for operating a Telephony over LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
providing a ToL client window within said GUI;
manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and
locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode, while allowing full access to features within said ToL client window, said functions comprising one or more other graphical user interface windows or program icons.

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21. (New) A Telephony over LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
means for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
means for providing a ToL client window within said GUI;
means for manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and
means for locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode, while allowing full access to features within said ToL client window, said functions comprising one or more other graphical user interface windows or program icons.

22. (New) A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, said functions comprising one or more other graphical user interface windows or program icons.